

TRANSLATION OF AMENDMENT UNDER PCT ARTICLE 34  
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AMENDMENT

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4. Object of Amendment: Specification and Claims

5. Amendment

(1) Description of "In order to accomplish the object described above ..... is useful in chemical peeling." in the specification, page 2, lines from 5 to 17 (page and line numbers according to Japanese specification; in English text, from page 2, line 21 to page 3, line 13) is corrected to:

---In order to accomplish the object described above, the external preparation for skin of the present invention comprises glycolic acid and polyethylene glycol having a polymerization degree of from 2000 to 50000, and has a pH of 2.0 or less. Preferably, the aforementioned pH is 1.4 or less.

Furthermore, the external preparation for skin of the present invention comprises glycolic acid and polyvinyl alcohol, and has a pH of 2.0 or less. Preferably, the aforementioned pH is 1.4 or less.---

(2) In claim 1, "one kind or two or more kinds of organic acid(s) and" is corrected to ---glycolic acid and--.

(3) In claim 1, "one kind or two or more kinds of nonionic water soluble polymer(s) except for polysaccharides" is corrected to ---polyethylene glycol having a polymerization degree of from 2000 to 50000---.

(4) In claim 1, ", and is characterized by having a pH

of 2.0 or less" is corrected to ---, and has a pH of 2.0 or less---.

(5) Claims 2 to 4 are cancelled, and claims 5 to 7 are added.

6. List of attached documents

(1) Substitute sheet of the specification, page 2 (page number according to Japanese specification) One sheet

(2) Substitute sheet of Claims, page 9 (page number according to Japanese specification) One sheet

[Disclosure of the Invention]

The present invention was made in order to solve the foregoing problems, and an object of the invention is to provide an external preparation for skin which can be readily applied to the skin surface in a uniform manner, is excellent in effectiveness and storage stability, and has a pH of 2.0 or less.

In order to accomplish the object described above, the external preparation for skin of the present invention comprises glycolic acid and polyethylene glycol having a polymerization degree of from 2000 to 50000, and has a pH of 2.0 or less. Preferably, the aforementioned pH is 1.4 or less.

Furthermore, the external preparation for skin of the present invention comprises glycolic acid and polyvinyl alcohol, and has a pH of 2.0 or less. Preferably, the aforementioned pH is 1.4 or less.

[Best Mode for Carrying Out the Invention]

The external preparation for skin according to the present invention comprises an organic acid and a water soluble polymer.

The organic acid for use in the present invention is not particularly limited as long as it is a compound exhibiting acidity, however, it is preferably a carboxylic acid or a phenol. Moreover, specific examples the

carboxylic acid include carboxylic acids such as trichloroacetic acid, succinic acid, malic acid, glycolic acid, mandelic acid, lactic acid,  $\alpha$ -hydroxybutyric acid,  $\alpha$ -hydroxyvaleric acid,  $\beta$ -hydroxyvaleric acid, citric acid, tartronic acid, tartaric acid, glucuronic acid, gluconic acid, mucic acid, pyruvic acid, salicylic acid, ascorbic acid and the like, while specific examples of the phenol include

## CLAIMS

1. (Amended) An external preparation for skin which comprises glycolic acid and polyethylene glycol having a polymerization degree of from 2000 to 50000, and has a pH of 2.0 or less.
2. (Cancelled)
3. (Cancelled)
4. (Cancelled)
5. (Added) The external preparation for skin according to claim 1 wherein the preparation has a pH of 1.4 or less.
6. (Added) An external preparation for skin which comprises glycolic acid and polyvinyl alcohol, and has a pH of 2.0 or less.
7. (Added) The external preparation for skin according to claim 6 wherein the preparation has a pH of 1.4 or less.